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REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3342, (B) SAN SALVADOR 3370, (C) SAN
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FOLLOWING ARE COMPLETE UPDATED DETAILS ON SUBJECT INCIDENT:

1. ON JUNE 29, 1978, AT 11:30 A.M., THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
AT POST RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM GRACIELA GOMEZ, A MAID
AT 41 CALLE LOS CLAVELES, COLONIA LA SULTANA, SAN SALVADOR,
EL SALVADOR. IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ADDRESS
WAS THE RESIDENCE OF MR. BARRY GLAZ, AN AID (IDI) EMPLOYEE.
THE CALLER STATED BRIEFLY THAT THE ABOVE RESIDENCE HAD BEEN
ENTERED BY 35-40 POLICEMEN. THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
CONTACTED SPECIAL AGENT PATRICK MULLIN WHO THEN CALLED MS.
GOMEZ AT 11:35 A.M. MS. GOMEZ STATE THAT AT 10:00 A.M. ON
THE SAME DATE 35-40 NATIONAL POLICE OR POLICIA DE HACIENDA,
IN UNIFORM, HAD ENTERED THE HOUSE OF HER EMPLOYER, MR. BARRY
GLAZ. SHE FURTHER STATE, IN SPANISH, THAT THE TROOPS HAD
"RANSACKED THE PLACE" AND WERE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING BUT WOULD
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NOT SAY WHAT. MS. GOMEZ WAS NOT DEFINITE AS TO HOW THE TROOPS
FIRST ENTERED THE HOME. SHE SIMPLY STATED THAT THE INITIAL ENTRY
WAS MADE BY SCALING OF A COMMON WALL BETWEEN NUMBERS 40
AND 41 CALLE LOS CLAVELES. SHE ADDED THAT SOME POLICE HAD ALSO
ENTERED THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR. ONCE INSIDE, THE POLICE
THOROUGHLY SEARCHED THE PREMISES, OPENING ALL DRAWERS,
CLOSETS AND LOOKING UNDER MATTRESSES. ACCORDING TO THE

SOURCE, SHE BECAME TERRIFIED AND LOCKED HERSELF IN THE BATHROOM FROM WHICH SHE WAS FORCED OUT BY THE POLICE. SHE WAS ALSO TOLD BY THE POLICE, ACCORDING TO HER TESTIMONY, THAT SHE WAS UNDER ARREST, BUT SHORTLY THEREAFTER PRODUCED HER IDENTIFICATION CARD (CEDULA) AND WAS NOT ARRESTED. THE TROOPS LEFT THE PREMISES AT 11:30 A.M. AND TO THE BEST OF SOURCE'S RECOLLECTION DID NOT REMOVE ANY ARTICLES. SOURCE WAS TOLD BY S/A MULLIN TO REMAIN IN THE HOUSE AND TO LEAVE THE PREMISES AS THEY WERE WHEN THE TROOPS LEFT. BASED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED, RSO CHIOCCO AND S/A MULLIN ACCOMPANIED BY MR. JOE TUCKER (AID) AND BY COMMANDANT ZAPATA (FSLE) ARRIVED AT THE PREMISES AT 12:35 P.M. SOURCE REPEATED THE STORY AS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE AND NO DETAILS WERE CHANGED. NO DOORS APPARENTLY HAD BEEN FORCED AND NO SIGNS OF TROOPS HAVING JUMPED THE APPROXIMATELY TEN-FOOT HIGH COMMON WALL WERE IN EVIDENCE (ALL DELICATE PLANTS EXTENDING FIVE FEET FROM THE SIDE OF THE WALL WERE INTACT AND THE SOFT EARTH NEXT TO THE PLANTS BORE NO HEEL MARKS). WHEN ASKED WHAT THE POLICE HAD DONE FOR ONE AND A HALF HOURS, SOURCE RESPONDED THAT THE GROUP HAD ENTERED AND HAD EXITED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THAT TIME FRAME. EN ROUTE TO BARRY GLAZ'S RESIDENCE, THE LOCAL RADIO STATION ANNOUNCED THAT WEAPONS AND REACTIONARY LITERATURE HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM 41 CALLE LOS CLAVELES.

2. SENORA MARIA CELIA ORMES, OWNER OF 40 CALLE LOS CLAVELES, WAS INTERVIEWED AT APPROXIMATELY 1:10 P.M. SRA. ORMES EX-CONFIDENTIAL

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PLAINED THAT THOUGH SHE WAS AMERICAN CITIZEN, RESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR, SHE IS MARRIED TO MR. SAMUEL C. ORMES, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN (YARDLEY REPRESENTATIVE) AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, BOTH U.S. CITIZENS (DANIEL AND DAVID). SHE ALSO INFORMED RSO CHIOCCO AND S/A MULLIN THAT HER TWO MAIDS (OLYMPIA AND MILA) HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND THAT AN OLD RIFLE THAT HAD BEEN USED AS A DECORATION OVER THE MANTELPIECE HAD BEEN REMOVED, PRESUMABLY BY THE POLICE. TO THE BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION, THIS WAS THE ONLY WEAPON IN THE HOUSE. RSO CHIOCCO INSTRUCTED MRS. ORMES TO TELEPHONE MR. TERRY HANSEN, CONSUL AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. (SHE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED MR. HANSEN, WHO IS COVERING THIS INCIDENT AS A POTENTIAL PROTECTION CASE. MR. ORMES IS ABSENT FROM EL SALVADOR).

3. ALSO CONTACTED WAS A NEIGHBORHOOD POLICEMAN SEEN STANDING SEVERAL HOUSES AWAY. THIS POLICEMAN STATED THAT THE TROOPS HAD INDEED ENTERED MR. GLAZ'S PREMISES. HE ALSO ADDED THAT THERE WERE BETWEEN 30 AND 40 POLICEMEN (POLICIA DE HACIENDA) WHO ARRIVED IN ONE TROOP CARRIER. HE WOULD GIVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

4. AS REPORTED IN REF B, MEDIA HAS GIVEN MUCH PUBLICITY TO THE

INCIDENT. ON JULY 1, 1978, AFTER THE VISIT TO POST OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL FEDERICO CASTILLO YANES AND SUBSECRETARY OF DEFENSE COLONEL JOSE EDUARDO IRAHETA, THE MEDIA EXPLAINED THAT THE INFORMATION THAT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED ON JUNE 29 AND 30 HAD NOT BEEN CORROBORATED. (PARA 4, REF C).

5. ON JUNE 30, 1978, MR. GLAZ WAS INTERVIEWED BY ARSO. THOUGH HE CANDIDLY RELATED ALL DETAILS OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS, THERE WAS NOTHING THAT COULD INDICATE REASON FOR BREAK-IN. RSO'S OFFICE STATIONED A GUARD AT MR. GLAZ'S RESIDENCE. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FROM RIGHT OR LEFT WING TERRORIST GROUPS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY, MR. GLAZ IS MOVING TO A NEW RESIDENCE.

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